

Remarks

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended.

Claims 2, 5, 9, 10, 13, 14, 17-20, 22, 29, 30, 34, 36, 37, 39, 42, 46, 47, 51, 53 and 54 have been amended. Claims 1, 21 and 38 have been cancelled. Therefore, claims 2-20, 22-37 and 39-54 are presented for examination.

Applicants acknowledge the allowance of claims 18-20. Further, applicants acknowledge that claims 2-4, 9-17, 22-24, 29-37, 39-41 and 46-54 would be allowable if rewritten to include the features of the respective base claims.

Claims 1, 5, 21, 25, 38 and 42 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Chaddha et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,014,701). In addition, claims 6-8, 26-28 and 43-45 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Chaddha et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,014,701). Applicants submit that the above rejections have been obviated by the amendments to the claims to place the claims in condition for allowance based upon the allowable subject matter indicated in the Office Action.

Applicants request that the Examiner considers the Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 5, 2005 and initials the PTO-1449 Form.

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections have been overcome and that the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn and the claims be allowed.

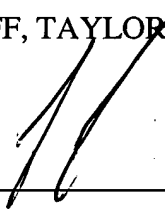
The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

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Respectfully submitted,

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